

IS HARRY K. THAW LEGALLY SANE?

His Counsel Predict That
Commission Will De-
clare Him So.

ATTORNEY JEROME IS DISGRUNTLED

Trial Is Likely to Proceed on
Monday—Says Thaw's Memory
Is Wonderful—Thaw Spends
Good Friday Quietly
in His Cell in the
Tombs.

NEW YORK, March 29.—From
sources assumed to be authentic,
it was announced late to-night that
Dr. Allyn Hamilton, alienist,
will be called to testify to-
morrow before the lunacy commis-
sion which is to determine whether
Harry K. Thaw is mentally
competent to understand the nature
of the proceedings in his
trial for the killing of Stanford
White, and to rationally advise his
counsel.

Dr. Hamilton, it was stated, will
appear as the witness at the re-
quest of the commission, and will
be the only expert examined.

The decision of the Dr. Hamil-
ton would be entitled was a sur-
prise, as it had been generally un-
derstood that the commission
would not hear any expert testi-
mony as to the defendant's condi-
tion of mind.

It was Dr. Hamilton's testimony
at the trial that precipitated the
request by the defense for a
lunacy commission.

NEW YORK, March 29.—The com-
mission in lunacy which is examining
the present mental condition of Harry
K. Thaw may finish its work to-
morrow and be ready to report to Justice
Fitzgerald by Monday.

The Thaw jury will report in court
more at 10:30 o'clock Monday
morning, and it is the hope of the
prosecution, as well as the com-
mission, that the matter of the de-
fendant's sanity may be disposed of
by that time.

It is the commission should submit a
report to the effect that Thaw fully
understands the nature of the pro-
ceedings against him, and has rationally
advised with his counsel, Justice
Fitzgerald will simply direct that the
trial proceed without making public
the commission's findings. If the
report should be against Thaw, Justice
Fitzgerald will announce the decision
from the bench, and if he deems the
prisoner's release to be dangerous to
the public peace and safety, he will
sign an order directing the confine-
ment in some State hospital for the
insane, probably Matteawan.

Will Likely Report To-Day.

To-day being Good Friday, there was
no session of the lunacy board, and
Thaw spent a quiet day in the Tombs
preparing for a renewal of his mental
test to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.
The session of the commission at that
hour again will be private, and there
will be no public hearings at all unless
the commission decides to call witnesses
other than the defendant. There is
just a possibility that several of
the doorkeepers in the Tombs may be
called to give a lay opinion as to Thaw's
conduct since his incarceration. The
district attorney, it was said, might make
one more effort to introduce testimony
before the commission, but if the board
holds to the narrow limits laid down for
its inquiry on yesterday, Mr. Jerome
seems doomed to disappointment.

The commission yesterday indicated
that it had reached the conclusion that
its members could decide from their own
examination of Thaw the simple ques-
tion placed before them by Justice
Fitzgerald.

Lawyer Ruled Out.

It was reported again to-day that
neither Thaw's own lawyers nor Dis-
trict Attorney Jerome would be al-
lowed to question Thaw or any other
witness who may be called upon to
testify at the inquiry. Chairman
David McCleure practically told
the district attorney that the ques-
tion as to whether Thaw is capable of ap-
preciating the nature of the court pro-
ceedings and of rationally advising
his counsel, is a matter subject
entirely to a lay opinion. Any medical
opinion which the commission may de-
sire will come from Dr. Leopold Put-
zel, one of its members. However, ex-
pert testimony may be called if a
majority of the commission demand
it.

Thaw's attorneys are so sanguine
as to the outcome of the lunacy in-
quiry that they were to-day making
plans for the resumption of the trial
next week.

It seems now that if the trial is taken
up again the defense probably will
announce that it rests without further
testimony. Dr. Allyn Hamilton, the
alienist, who examined Thaw
last June and July, was on the stand
when the trial was interrupted.

If Thaw is declared to be of
sound mind to-day, the trial
is resumed, it should not last
more than three or four days. The at-
torneys, in their summing-up addresses,
will not be allowed to refer in any way to
the lunacy commission, for its appoint-
ment and proceedings are not part of
the trial record.

While the trial was in progress all of
the alienists who had examined Thaw
and who were called to the stand paid
a tribute to the prisoner's remarkable
memory. It was this memory, it was
said, which served him in such good stead
before the commission on Thursday, and
which led Attorney Hartridge to make
the statement:

ROUMANIA RIOT QUIETING DOWN ABOUT MOLDAVIA

Only Fresh Outbreak Occurred
in Trotush — Where Troops
Have Been Dispatched.

BUCHAREST, March 29.—The situa-
tion in Roumania appears to be quiet-
ing down, but large numbers of re-
fugees still continue to make their way
out of the troubled districts.

An official report issued to-day re-
lates that all is quiet in Moldavia, the
only fresh disturbance recorded being
in the Trotush Valley, in the Neamtz
district, whither troops have been dis-
patched.

The governments of Austria and
Bulgaria have sent steamers to various
Roumanian ports on the Danube to
convey their respective subjects to
neutral territory, and Roumanians es-
caping from the disordered area are
availing themselves of these vessels.
The refugees crossing the Danube
into Bulgaria are for the most part
Greeks and Jews.

MEET OBJECTIONS MADE BY MAYOR

St. John's Congregation Draw
Up New Ordinance Which
Committee Recommends.

The Council Committee on St. John's
Burying Ground held one of the most
interesting and important meetings in
its history last night. A committee from
the vestry appeared and asked the com-
mittee to have reintroduced in amended
form the ordinance authorizing the con-
struction of a memorial chapel and parish
house within the cemetery.

The rector, Rev. R. A. Goodwin, sub-
mitted the draft of an ordinance which
he stated met the objections offered by
the Mayor to the ordinance recently dis-
approved. The new ordinance, which is
recommended to the Council by the com-
mittee, provides that the buildings shall
be constructed of concrete, brick or stone
and steel, and shall be as nearly fireproof
as possible.

The Vestry Committee escorted the
Council Committee to the proposed site of
the buildings and viewed it in the
bright moonlight. It was then pointed
out that only three or four graves would
be covered by the new structure.

The meeting was held in the keeper's
house, and the committee appointed
a subcommittee to ascertain the cost of
moving this keeper's house to a site in
rear of the church. The committee
voted down a resolution proposing
that the matter of the defendant's
sanity may be disposed of by that time.

LEE CAMP REFERS OFFER OF PENSION

Captain Griswold's Letter Goes
to Committee Without
Suggestion.

R. E. Lee Camp, No. 1, last night re-
ferred to a committee without discussion
or suggestion as to its report, the letter
of Captain E. F. Griswold, of Vermont,
the Federal officer, to Postmaster Cabell,
in which he offered his pension of \$12
a month to any Confederate organization
which might care to accept it.

The committee is composed of Messrs.
Joseph W. Thomas, E. J. Bennett, W. B.
Freeman, and these gentlemen may
act as they see fit with reference to
the matter, as they were given no in-
structions by the camp. If they think
best they may answer the letter of Cap-
tain Griswold and report his action to
the camp, or they may at some future
meeting bring in a resolution recommend-
ing that the camp deal directly with the
former Federal officer concerning his
offer.

At least the members of the camp will
not discuss the letter for publication, and
there is no way of forecasting what will
be the final action with reference to it.

The camp disposed of some routine
matters last night, and informally dis-
cussed the arrangements that are being
made for the entertainment of visitors
to the coming Confederate Reunion.

FIRE SCARE IN CITY HALL LAST NIGHT

Rags Left in Box Caught and
Building Was Filled With
Smoke—No Damage.

A fire in a fireproof building was an
experience that puzzled the few per-
sons at work in the City Hall last
night until the origin of the smoke
was discovered. About 11 o'clock
thereafter, the flames of burning rags
or paper permeated the building and
grew more and more noticeable. Af-
ter considerable search by the watch-
man on duty the "fire" was located in
the Auditor's room on the first floor,
where a box filled with smoke of a
stifling, pungent odor. Entrance to
the room and a hasty search, revealed
the fact that a lot of rags and other
materials used by the janitors or other
employees in cleaning and scrubbing had
been left in a metal box in the
northwest corner of the office and these
had in some way become ignited. The
metal box was almost red hot, and its
contents had about burned themselves
out.

Fortunately, it was a metal and not
a wooden box, or greater damage might
have been done. As it was almost none
resulted. A few dashes of water from
the hydrant extinguished the blaze.

Ripe Peaches in Louisiana.

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 29.—Ripe
peaches gathered months ahead of time
are being picked in Plaquemine Parish,
La. The mildest winter in thirty years
was the cause of the early ripening, and
samples of the fruit will be saved for
exhibition at the Jamestown Exposition.

SPRECKLES PAYS FOR INVESTIGATION

'Frisco Grafters Will be
Hunted Down. No
Matter What Cost.

HIGH AND LOW WILL BE JAILED

Plan to Rescue Ruff Is Made,
But Keepers Will Kill Him if
Scheme Is Attempted—Grafters
Boss Has Been Notified
That Attempt Means
His Death.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., March 29.—
Rudolph Spreckles, financial sponsor of
the investigation of the bribery graft in
this city, to-day told the Associated Press
that he would guarantee the expenses of
the investigation to any amount.

"Contributions from citizens to the fund
of \$100,000 guaranteed to me before the
commencement of the bribery graft are
coming in rapidly. They are in
amounts of \$20 to \$1,000.

"In the event that the ultimate total
of the subscriptions fall short of the
\$100,000 guaranteed, I will make the de-
ficient good, and if the cost is more than
\$100,000 to complete this prosecution, that
will make no difference. Those engaged
in its furtherance will never be ham-
pered by lack of funds, no matter what
the bill may be.

"The work of investigation will not be
such until every bit of extortions has
been fully exposed. We fully expect to
land behind the bars of the penitentiary
every giver of bribes, and the 'higher
up' the offender, the more vigorous will
be his pursuit.

"We do not, however, except to send
every bribe-taker to prison. Some of the
miserable men who sold themselves to
the corporations must be granted immu-
nity for their testimony, which is worth
a great deal more to us as evidence as
to the guilt of high corporation officials
than their own testimony. Some of the
men who have been arrested are being
held in the city jail, and some are being
held in the county jail.

"Every department of the city and
county government will be thoroughly
examined into before the examination is
completed, the police department along
with the others. No one will be ne-
glected, no set of officials will be over-
looked."

May Rescue Ruff.

Since the arrest of Abraham Ruff, at
the Treadwell, a month ago, rumors
have been rife that an attempt would
be made to rescue him by force from
Elisor Biggy, either during a session of
the court or while Ruff was going
to court.

An officer prominent in the bribery in-
vestigation to-day said:

"Every man openly identified with
the prosecution of the bribery charges,
is armed and some of the more promi-
nent are employing bodyguards. For a
month we have been keeping a special
lookout for an attempted rescue of
Ruff, and we shall be happily surprised
if these investigations and impending
prosecutions end without a physical
encounter."

"Several times when Ruff was in
Judge Dunne's court, a sudden move-
ment of reckless men toward the
prisoner has been checked quickly and
quietly by officials of the prosecution.

"We know that should Ruff be re-
scued it would not be a difficult thing
to hide him securely right in San
Francisco. The prosecution knows this
and is taking no chances.

"Each one of Biggy's seven guards
is instructed in the event of a serious
attempt at rescue by force, either in
court or elsewhere, to shoot Ruff and
turn their attention to the liberators
afterward. Ruff has been made ac-
quainted with these orders."

STRICKEN WITH FEVER WHILE ON VISIT TO CITY

Mr. Garvin Thomas, of Louisville,
Ky., is a patient at the Memorial Hos-
pital, where he is under treatment
for typhoid fever by Dr. Lawrence T.
Price. Mr. Thomas was at Pinehurst,
N. C., for some time, and came to
this city on Tuesday and registered
at the Jefferson. Typhoid fever devel-
oped soon afterward and he was re-
moved to the hospital. His mother,
Mrs. Kate Thomas, of Louisville, is
with him in his illness.

CABINET MEETING CUT SHORT BY THE DENTIST

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 29.—The
Cabinet meeting to-day was shorter
than usual, the President having an
engagement with a dentist which re-
quired him to leave the White House
at about 12:30 o'clock. Only six of
the nine members of the Cabinet were
present, Messrs. Taft and McCall be-
ing out of the country, and Attorney-
General Bonaparte absenting himself
because of the Good Friday church
holiday.

QUEEN VICTORIA IS ABOUT TO BE CONFINED

MADRID, March 29.—The physicians
who are in attendance upon Queen
Victoria, have reason to believe that
she may be confined sooner than has
been anticipated, and it has been recom-
mended that King Alfonso curtail his
visit to Carthage.

All the preparations for the advent
of the new members of the Spanish
royal family, have been completed. A
nurse has been brought out from
England.

2 KILLED, 4 WOUNDED, BY
BOMB IN CONSTANTINOPLE

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 29.—There
was a bomb explosion in the
Fera quarter of this city to-day. Be-
cause the fact that two men were killed
and four wounded no details have yet
been learned.

JEFFERSON HOTEL AS IT LOOKS ON ANNIVERSARY OF GREAT FIRE



Six years ago last night, at about 11:30
o'clock, the Jefferson Hotel began burn-
ing, and by morning the larger portion
of Major Ginter's splendid monument to
his public spirit and civic pride was a
mass of blazing, smoking debris. The
night is one which will be long remem-
bered by those who saw the destruction
of this splendid pile, the pride of Rich-
mond. Thousands stood in the crisp
March air and watched the steady de-
struction as it swept downward from the
upper floor, where it had originated from
defective electric wiring.

It is interesting and gratifying co-
incident that on the anniversary of the
destruction of a new Jefferson, handsomer
and more commodious than the first, is
complete and about to throw open all
its doors to the public. The Franklin
Street portion of the elegant hostelry
has been operated almost continuously,
and is unimpaired in the work of re-
construction. The reconstructed portion,
a modern fireproof structure, harmonizes
completely with it, and the whole pro-
vides this city a hotel second to none.

Hotels quickly become antiquated or
obsolete in these days of advances in
building construction, but the new Jef-
ferson, which stands on the site of the
old, represents the most modern in ma-
terials, construction and equipment, and
provides a luxurious home for the tour-
ist at reasonable rates. It presents
many attractions to the traveler, which
the old hotel did not possess. Already
the three floors of the new portion in
use are occupied by guests, and as
fast as the remainder is complete it will
be thrown open. Throughout the year
the Jefferson will have all the guests it
can house, and with the wide advertise-

ment of the reopening, which will be
given by the thousands of guests during
exposition year, its patronage will be
steadily maintained for all the future.

The accompanying picture shows a
view of the reconstructed portion of the
hotel.

Last night six years ago the lobby of
the hotel was thronged with guests, who
sat and chatted with friends utterly ob-
livious of the impending destruction,
which included their own baggage in
many cases. For an hour or more after
the puffing engines rolled up to the neig-
boring corners and attached their suc-
tion pipes to the fireplugs no one an-
ticipated a serious fire. The time lost
in locating the fire and in resorting to
heroic methods to extinguish it gave the
flames the mastery, and thereafter it
was an unequal fight between the fire-
man and the flames.

POLICE AVERT SERIOUS RIOT

Officer Matt Struck With Stone
Hurled by One of Unruly
Gang.

DRUM CORPS WAS PARADING

Negroes Were Warned by Of-
ficers, Who Attempted to
Arrest One.

Only the prompt arrival of a large
squad of police prevented what might
have been a serious riot last night on
Church Hill. As it was, murmured
threats of several negroes in a large
band of them that was parading on
P Street, between Twenty-ninth and
Thirtieth Streets, took form in the
throwing of stones and bricks, one
of which struck Policeman Matt in the
head, just as he was in the act of
slipping handcuffs on a surly negro
whom he was attempting to place un-
der arrest.

Policeman Matt happened to be alone
at the time, his fellow officer, Police-
man J. S. being away at the moment
telephoning to the First Police Sta-
tion for assistance.

When he was struck with the stone,
Policeman Matt, in order to give him-
self a free hand with his revolver, was
forced to release the negro he was
holding. The prisoner escaped, and the
officer thought to frighten the unruly
crowd by firing his revolver into the
air. Other policemen arrived on the
scene just in time, and actual danger
was averted.

Several Arrested.

It seems that a drum corps, which num-
bers among its membership a large num-
ber of the younger set of the colored pop-
ulation of Church Hill, was out for a
parade and drill. Several of them be-
came unruly and Officer Meek warned them
not to commit any disorder. This was
replied to by several loud, angry threats,
and the officer then attempted to arrest
one of the men, who seemed to be the
prime mover in the trouble. The man
was a big, strapping negro, and the of-
ficer experienced some difficulty in plac-
ing the handcuffs on his wrist. Several
others of the crowd yelled for his release,
and one among them threw a stone at
the sturdy officer. It struck him on the
left side of the head, but fortunately the
helmet broke the force of the blow, and
he was not badly injured. Policemen At-
kinson and Jones soon came to Officer
Meek's assistance, and the crowd rapidly
dispersed to quarters where the police
did not easily reach them.

Captain Barfoot soon arrived with a
strong force of policemen, and the men
were sent about securing the neighbor-
hood to find some of the ringleaders of
the gang. About a dozen of them were
caught and promptly taken to the sta-
tion-house. Those who were nabbed by
the police, and who will have to appear
in court this morning are Austin Bingham,
twenty-two years of age; William
Robert, fourteen; Clarence Harris, four-
teen; Waverly Clark, twenty-six; Clau-
ence Kelly, twelve, Wilson Tinsley, twen-
ty.

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LILLIE DAVIS DIED BY HALE'S HAND

So Declares Coroner's Jury
Which Investigated Death of
Popular Bristol Girl.

BURIED IN BRIDAL DRESS

She Was to Have Married An-
other Man Easter Sunday.
Had Been Assaulted.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BRISTOL, TENN., March 29.—While
the coroner's jury in the case of the
death of Lillie Davis, who was shot and
killed in East Hill Cemetery Wednesday
night, was held behind closed doors, and
the purpose to withhold the ver-
dict for certain reasons. It was, how-
ever, learned to-night that the jury arrived at
a positive verdict to the effect that Lillie
Davis came to her death as the result
of a pistol shot in the hands of Ack
Hale, a young man who was alone with
her in the cemetery on the night of the
tragedy, and that preceding the shooting
Hale criminally assaulted Miss Davis.
This verdict was reached as a result of
the testimony of several witnesses, in-
cluding Dr. W. R. Rogers and Dr. N. S.
Peters. This evidence, coupled with evi-
dence discovered in connection with the
prisoner to-day, made the verdict ir-
resistible, according to a statement made
by a member of the coroner's jury to-
night.

Hale is still in the Bristol Jail, but
will be taken to Bristol, Tenn., since
an investigation reveals that the killing
occurred just across the State line. The
verdict of the coroner's jury is being
withheld here to-night for fear of mob
violence.

It was learned to-day through Mrs.
Mary Davis, mother of the dead girl,
that Ack Hale had written the girl a
threatening note indicating that her
life would not be safe if she married
another. This, coupled with the fact
that Miss Davis was to have been the
chief witness against Roy Hale, the
brother of Ack Hale, for the murder
of her own brother, Irbis Davis, is ac-
cepted as the motive that would have
prompted murder, even had not the
question of criminal assault been
brought into the case.

The remains of Lillie Davis were
taken to Johnson City, Tenn., to-day
and were buried there, her intended
wedding gown constituting the burial
shroud. Beside the girl's body was
placed a photograph of Dolis McRob-
erts, the young man to whom she was
to have been married on Easter Sun-
day. McRoberts did not arrive here in
time to attend the funeral. Hale is
highly connected in Bristol and East
Tennessee, but has from his youth had
the reputation of being reckless.

THREE ITALIAN WARSHIPS FOR JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION

ROME, March 29.—Orders have been
given that the cruiser Diomede, join
the cruisers Etruria and Varese, under
the command of the Duke of Abruzzi,
to represent Italy at the opening of the
Jamestown Exposition.

NEWBERRY SWEPT BY FEARFUL FIRE

Thirty-Five Buildings Destroyed.
Loss Amounts to Two Hun-
dred Thousand Dollars.

TOWN AT MERCY OF FLAMES

Water Supply Soon Exhausted
and Fire Department Power-
less to Control Situation.

LAURENS, S. C., March 29.—Driven by
a stiff wind, fire to-day swept both the
business and residential sections of New-
berry, a town of 8,000 population, thirty
miles southeast of here, and caused a
loss that may reach \$200,000. Twenty-two
residences, ten stores, two churches and
one passenger car were destroyed. The
fire started in the rear of the New-
berry Hotel at 11:30 o'clock this morning.
A gale was blowing, and the flames spread
with great rapidity. Appeals for assist-
ance were sent to Columbia and to this
city, but engines could not be sent to
Newberry on account of the destruction
of the railroad tracks. The Newberry
fire department exerted every effort to
check the flames, but the fire was be-
yond control. Two hours after the fire
broke out the water supply was exhaust-
ed, and the town was left practically at
the mercy of the flames.

The following is a partial list of the
business establishments burned out:
Hayes and company, grocery; R. C. Wil-
liams, carriage store; Shelly and Sum-
ner, furniture; Salter, photographer; Salt-
or, general merchandise; Senn, bakery;
Boozor Brothers, grocers; J. H. McCul-
lough, druggist; A. C. P. Thomas, grocer;
Watts, market store; Livingston and Com-
pany, grocers; Jack G. Brown, livery
stable; E. J. Senn, meat market; New-
berry Steam Laundry and the Southern
Bell Telephone Company exchange.

TRAIN WRECKERS DERAIL ENGINES

Engineer and Negro Killed.
Others Seriously
Injured.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA., March 29.—
Passenger train No. 1, of the Choctaw,
Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad, from Mem-
phis for Amarillo, drawn by two engines,
was seriously derailed to-day at about
eight miles west of Oklahoma City. Both
engines were badly wrecked, and the rail
and baggage cars were turned over, but
the coaches remained on the track. One
engineer and an unknown negro were
killed. Fireman Overton was fatally in-
jured, a porter seriously hurt, and seven
passengers suffered bruises.

Investigation shows conclusively that
the derailment was caused by wreckers.
Bols had been removed from the main
line rods that move the switch.
Bloodhounds have been taken to the
scene in an attempt to trace the culprits.
Fireman Overton died after being
brought to this city.

ATTORNEY TAKES ISSUE WITH MAYOR

Declares Latter Had No
Authority to Veto
Joint Resolution.

COUNCIL TO HEAR REASONS MONDAY

Interest Revived in Situation by
Latest Development—Mayor's
Message Will Be Lengthy
Document and Will
Be Interesting
Reading

A lively discussion is in prospect
over the message of Mayor McCarthy,
vetoing the Council joint resolution
for a committee to investigate charges
against the Finance Committee alleged
to have been made by the executive,
and certain transactions relative to
bonds. The Mayor will send a mes-
sage giving his reasons for this ac-
tion, and this will be read at the Coun-
cil meeting on Monday night.

Additional interest has been added
to the situation by the information
which has just leaked out that a
member of the Finance Committee has
applied to the City Attorney for an
opinion as to the authority of the
executive to veto a joint resolution
of this character, and that City At-
torney Pollard has advised that the Mayor
had not such authority. As the ques-
tion is one of construction of the
State Constitution, of the statutes
passed in pursuance thereof, and of
the charter of the city, which is it-
self a legislative enactment, the opin-
ion of the attorney is of peculiar in-
terest. To some extent it brings up
a conflict between the attorney on
the one hand and the Mayor, as
clerk of the Council on the other as
to the proper procedure in the mat-
ter of a joint resolution. After the
passage by both bodies of the joint
resolution, the clerk engrossed the
same and sent it to the Mayor along
with various other ordinances and re-
solutions.

Law on Subject.

The Constitution of Virginia, section
123, and the Code of Virginia, section
1033 C, have a bearing on the question
of authority thus raised. The Code ac-
tion is an exact duplication of the lan-
guage of the Constitution, and so far it
refers to the question of the proper
procedure with reference to a joint resolu-
tion read thus:

"Every ordinance, or resolution
having the effect of an ordinance,
shall before it becomes operative,
be presented to the Mayor. If he
approve he shall sign it, but if not,
if the Council consist of two
branches, he shall not sign it, and
objections in writing to the clerk,
or other recording officer, of that
branch in which it originated."

Then follow provisions for reconsider-
ation and passage notwithstanding the
veto by the vote of two-thirds of the
members elected to both bodies.

It is interesting to note that the dis-
tinction between a joint resolution
and an ordinance is one seldom made
by the Council, so that the question
of authority thus raised is a question
of procedure to the Mayor for his ap-
proval and of the Mayor in withhold-
ing his approval will hinge upon the
construction of the phrase "or resolu-
tion having the effect of an ordinance."

As a matter of fact, resolutions are
used for such important matters as ex-
pending large sums of money, carrying
appropriations for specific or general
purposes, and even for issuing bonds. A
large proportion of the city's bonded debt
was contracted by means of joint resolu-
tions, but no one has questioned, so
far as known, that these should go to
the Mayor for his approval. It would
be a radical departure from established
construction to assert that the Mayor
has no authority to approve or disap-
prove such resolutions.

The resolution in question originally
carried an expenditure and required a
two-thirds vote, but, falling of this ma-
jority, the appropriation feature was
amended was passed. In accordance with
time-honored custom, the resolution was
sent to the Mayor, who returned it with-
out approval, and sent a message stat-
ing his reasons for failing to approve it.
This message will be laid before the
Common Council at its meeting Monday
night, at which time it is likely that
the member of the Finance Committee
having the opinion of the City Attorney
will produce it and an interesting situ-
ation will ensue. There are few lawyers
in the Common Council, but the laymen
will probably not hesitate, in many cases
to express their common sense view of
the matter.

Messages from Mayor.

The Council will have its hands full
on Monday night listening to reading
of messages from the Mayor. His an-
nual message of more than thirty
pages, his message vetoing the joint
resolution, and two other veto mes-
sages, and his response to the Lynch
resolution asking why he has not
enforced the ordinance requiring re-
ports of city officers to be in by
before February 1st, will consume con-
siderable time, if all are read. The
annual message, it is understood, con-
sumes thirty-odd typewritten pages,
and one of his other messages will